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1. AS INDICATED IN REF B, INFRASTRUCTURE RECORD IN
TURKEY IS BY NO MEANS AS BLEAK AS ECEVIT SUGGESTS
(REF A). THEREFORE, DRAWING ON REF B, YOU SHOULD SEEK

APPROPRIATE OCCASION TO INFORM TURKISH GOVERNMENT
OFFICIALS THAT TURKEY DOES INDEED RECEIVE A SIGNIFICANT

PROPORTION OF NATO INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS, I.E.,
10.2 PERCENT OF THE ENTIRE PROGRAM OVER THE PAST NINE
YEARS ARE FOR PROJECTS IN TURKEY. THIS COMPARES
FAVORABLY WITH THE TURKISH CONTRIBUTION OF 1.3 PERCENT
TO THE INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM WHICH IN ITSELF SHOULD
NOT BE AN ECONOMIC BURDEN TO THE NATION.

2. THE KIND OF PROJECTS SUBMITTED BY TURKEY FOR
COMMON FUNDING WILL, OF COURSE, DETERMINE THEIR ACCEPTANCE
BY NATO. WE CAN ONLY EXPECT CONTINUED APPROVAL OF THESE
PROJECTS AT OR NEAR THIS FAVORABLE RATE IF THEY MEET AN
URGENT MILITARY OPERATIONAL NEED OF NATO. VANCE

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